

THIRTY-FOURTH ANNUAL REPORT  
OF  
THE TRUSTEES  
OF  
THE STATE FARM  
AT BRIDGEWATER,  
FOR THE YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1887.

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## BRIDGEWATER.

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# Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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## TRUSTEES' REPORT.

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*To His Excellency the Governor and the Honorable Council:*

The Trustees of the State Almshouse and State Farm herewith present their thirty-fourth annual report, showing the condition of the State Farm at Bridgewater (as required under sect. 3, chap. 88 of the Public Statutes), to which is added the reports of the Superintendent and Physician for the year ending Sept. 30, 1887.

The inmates of the institution who are able to perform labor have been employed in the workshop and on the farm, as in previous years.

The farm, which contains about two hundred and fifty acres, is in an excellent state of cultivation. Its products have been abundant during the past year, and most of the labor has been done by inmates.

There are at the present time three separate departments in the institution, as established under different acts of the Legislature, viz.: A workhouse department, to which are committed persons who are found guilty, by the various courts in the Commonwealth, of being tramps, vagabonds, common drunkards, and the like; an almshouse department where persons are admitted who apply for aid, but who have no legal settlement in the State, also where the trustees, with the approval of the State Board of Lunacy and Charity, transfer inmates from the State Almshouse; also an asylum for the chronic insane of the pauper and harmless

class, who are transferred from the several lunatic hospitals by the Board of Lunacy and Charity, all under the direction and management of one Superintendent.

Under chap. 219 of the acts of the Legislature of 1886, entitled an "Act to provide a Building for the Chronic Insane at the State Workhouse at Bridgewater," the sum of fifty thousand dollars was appropriated for that purpose.

The building has been erected and furnished without exceeding said appropriation.

In view of the fact that said new building was planned and erected to accommodate only chronic insane men of the pauper and harmless class (chap. 219, acts of 1886), yet in consequence of the transfer from different lunatic hospitals in the Commonwealth of quite a large number who belong to the criminal insane class, it becomes necessary to provide additional accommodations more safe and secure than was originally contemplated and provided for under said act.

An appropriation will therefore be required for said purpose.

There are at the present time one hundred and thirty-five insane persons in the institution.

Under chap. 56 of the acts of the Legislature of 1887, a suitable fence has been erected around a portion of the State Farm buildings, also new laundry apartments have been prepared and furnished, and certain important changes made in the kitchen and dining-room departments.

Additional land has also been purchased for cemetery purposes as authorized under said act.

In compliance with sect. 7, chap. 79, of the Public Statutes, the Trustees have caused the annual inventory to be taken, and an appraisal made of the real and personal property belonging to the Commonwealth, a statement of which is herewith submitted.

A detailed account of the receipts and expenditures, the number admitted to the institution, the number discharged, the average weekly cost and the amount expended under special appropriations for new buildings the past year, will be found in the report of the Superintendent.

The Trustees again take the opportunity of expressing their confidence in the ability and faithfulness of Mr. H. M.



Blackstone, the Superintendent, not only because of his excellent management of the institution, but also on account of the valuable services he has rendered in the construction and erection of the new hospital buildings.

The officers appointed by the Superintendent, with the approval of the Trustees, have discharged their duties in a faithful and satisfactory manner.

Respectfully submitted,

J. WHITE BELCHER.  
WEAVER OSBORN.  
L. A. BELKNAP.  
WM. T. CAROLIN.  
SARAH D. FISKE.  
JACOB H. HECHT.  
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BRIDGEWATER, Oct. 13, 1887

## SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

*To the Trustees of the State Almshouse and State Farm :*

The following report for the year ending Sept. 30, 1887, is respectfully submitted : —

The whole number of inmates remaining Oct. 1, 1886, are as follows :

Male prisoners, . . . . .	80	
Female prisoners, . . . . .	1	
Male paupers, . . . . .	124	
Female paupers, . . . . .	2	
Discharged prisoners, . . . . .	12	
Males, chronic insane, . . . . .	48	
	267	

Number of admissions and commitments from Oct. 1, 1886, to Sept. 30, 1887, inclusive :

Male prisoners, . . . . .	190	
Female prisoners, . . . . .	6	
Male paupers, . . . . .	232	
Female paupers, . . . . .	7	
Discharged prisoners, . . . . .	7	
Males, chronic insane, . . . . .	107	
	549	

Number discharged from Oct. 1, 1886, to Sept. 30, 1887, inclusive :

Male prisoners, . . . . .	179	
Female prisoners, . . . . .	6	
Male paupers, . . . . .	241	
Female paupers, . . . . .	9	
Discharged prisoners, . . . . .	8	
Males, chronic insane, . . . . .	20	
	463	



Number remaining Oct. 1, 1887 :

Male prisoners, . . . . .	91
Female prisoners. . . . .	1
Male paupers, . . . . .	115
Discharged prisoners, . . . . .	11
Males. chronic insane. . . . .	135
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Of the number discharged, 58 have been by death ; Prisoners, 4 ; paupers, 46 ; insane, 8.

Average number during the year, . . . . .	376
Largest " " " " . . . . .	525
Smallest " " " " . . . . .	266

The expenditures and receipts have been as follows : —

Oct. 1, 1886, to Jan. 1, 1887, . . . . .	\$14,294 32
Received from State Treasurer for same period, . . . . .	14,294 32
Jan. 1, 1887, to Oct. 1, 1887, . . . . .	31,555 32
Received from State Treasurer for same period, . . . . .	31,555 32
The appropriation for 1886 was, . . . . .	43,000 00
Amount expended, . . . . .	42,917 23
Unexpended balance, . . . . .	82 77
(Which sum reverted to the Treasury.)	
Appropriation for 1887 was, . . . . .	52,400 00
Amount thus far expended, . . . . .	31,555 32
Balance unexpended, . . . . .	20,844 68

Expenditures from Oct. 1, 1886, to Oct. 1, 1887 : —

Salaries, officers and employees, . . . . .	\$12,164 55
Flour, . . . . .	5,342 36
Crackers and pastry, . . . . .	32 64
Beef, fresh and corned, . . . . .	2,190 35
Fish, clams and oysters, . . . . .	895 27
Mutton and lamb, . . . . .	212 54
Poultry and sausage, . . . . .	167 71
Beans and pease, . . . . .	272 72
Tea and coffee, . . . . .	990 37
Sugar and molasses, . . . . .	1,126 44
Butter, cheese and eggs, . . . . .	306 81
Fruits and vegetables, . . . . .	204 86
Nuts and candy for holidays, . . . . .	21 06
Yeast, soda, cream of tartar and baking powder, . . . . .	210 60
Meal for tables, including graham and oatmeal, . . . . .	95 34
Pepper, salt and mustard, . . . . .	73 43

Rice, . . . . .	\$99 75
Lard and hams, . . . . .	86 15
Dried apples, raisins and currants, . . . . .	26 71
Miscellaneous groceries and canned goods, . . . . .	136 25
Tobacco, . . . . .	465 77
Medical supplies and disinfectants, . . . . .	532 94
Hospital supplies, instruments, etc., . . . . .	128 78
Ready-made clothing, . . . . .	47 50
Cloth for clothing, . . . . .	817 17
Shirts and drawers, . . . . .	81 83
Cloth for shirts and drawers, . . . . .	443 38
Hats and caps, . . . . .	138 50
Mitts, socks and suspenders, . . . . .	277 48
Beds and bedding, . . . . .	374 51
Mattresses and pillows, . . . . .	108 00
Bedding, hay and straw, . . . . .	196 01
Boots, shoes, stock and findings, . . . . .	957 87
Miscellaneous dry goods, . . . . .	50 71
Buttons, thread, needles and notions, . . . . .	66 03
Rubber goods, . . . . .	97 92
Sewing machines and repairs, . . . . .	82 06
Soap, stock and starch, . . . . .	103 59
Clothes washer, . . . . .	15 00
Meal and feed for stock, . . . . .	1,110 77
Corn and cracked corn for stock, . . . . .	440 27
Manure and fertilizers, . . . . .	863 85
Agricultural implements and tools, . . . . .	244 73
Farm and garden seed, . . . . .	242 44
Plants, . . . . .	39 42
Difference in exchange of horses, . . . . .	150 00
Live stock, . . . . .	341 05
Horse and ox shoeing, . . . . .	38 25
Repairing and painting carriages, . . . . .	125 30
Repairing carts and wagons, . . . . .	156 97
Miscellaneous stable expenses, . . . . .	55 95
Horse hire and baiting, . . . . .	8 50
New ox cart, . . . . .	70 00
New hand cart, . . . . .	27 00
New harnesses, . . . . .	82 00
New wagonette, . . . . .	575 00
New double sleigh, . . . . .	90 00
Medical and stock book, . . . . .	5 00
Veterinary services, . . . . .	5 00
Hacking, . . . . .	16 00
Ice, and teaming same, . . . . .	67 10
Crockery and cutlery, . . . . .	158 60
Miscellaneous hardware, kitchen and laundry utensils, . . . . .	81 59
Tinware, . . . . .	58 24

Hardware and locks, . . . . .	\$212 57
Brooms, brushes, mats and woodenware, . . . . .	263 29
Paint, oil and painters' supplies, . . . . .	330 68
Engineers' supplies, . . . . .	55 09
Gasolene and oil, . . . . .	526 48
Furniture, . . . . .	147 80
Coal, . . . . .	2,747 37
Brick, cement and sand, . . . . .	113 13
Lumber, . . . . .	468 18
Mechanical labor and services, . . . . .	325 50
Plumbing, . . . . .	128 13
Freight and express, . . . . .	1,109 16
Trustees' expenses, . . . . .	254 90
Superintendent's expenses, mileage tickets and transfer of inmates, . . . . .	220 33
Fares and gratuities—discharged inmates. . . . .	196 89
Taking inventory, . . . . .	100 00
Telephone rent, . . . . .	50 00
Postage stamps, postals, etc., . . . . .	113 83
Stationery, printing and office supplies, . . . . .	181 48
Periodicals, . . . . .	23 98
New registers and indices, . . . . .	47 00
Spectacles, . . . . .	10 00
Repairing clocks, . . . . .	3 50
Blacksmith's supplies, . . . . .	52 60
Scales and repairing, . . . . .	43 65
Telegrams and telephones, . . . . .	25 22
Cider barrels, . . . . .	27 00
Window glass, . . . . .	24 85
Inspecting boilers, . . . . .	75 00
Lead pipe for hot water system, . . . . .	617 03
Albany steam trap and connections, . . . . .	427 83
Gas piping and fittings, . . . . .	98 37
Robes, . . . . .	3 65
Blankets, . . . . .	570 00
Carpeting, . . . . .	120 98
Berryman water heaters, . . . . .	325 00
Shoe machinery, . . . . .	68 00
Iron covers for vaults, . . . . .	12 00
Expenses of arresting and returning escaped men, . . . . .	61 35
Medical attendance with insane, . . . . .	200 00
Wicks, . . . . .	1 88
Flower pots, . . . . .	1 35
Doors, windows and blinds, . . . . .	63 78
Ice tools, . . . . .	12 97
Roll and spring for wringer, . . . . .	3 50
Stove linings, . . . . .	6 25
Making cider, . . . . .	20 24

Lodging for night watchman, . . . . .	\$21 00
Miscellaneous and domestic salaries, . . . . .	168 01
Grinding corn, . . . . .	18 24
New creamery cans, . . . . .	9 30
Towelling, . . . . .	49 95
Express wagon and carryall, . . . . .	75 00
Stencils and ink, . . . . .	4 51
Teamsters' services, . . . . .	50 00
Watch clock stations and labor, . . . . .	58 70
Toilet paper and matches, . . . . .	32 77
Coffee mill, . . . . .	5 00
Leather muff, . . . . .	6 50
Hitching posts, . . . . .	6 00
Brass piping and fittings, . . . . .	115 16
Hydrant, . . . . .	26 50
Iron sink, . . . . .	9 05
Ladders, . . . . .	8 17

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Total, . . . . . \$45,849 64

The amount received for sales, labor of inmates, produce sold, etc., . . . . . \$3,726 83

Which has been paid into the treasury.

The total expenditure has been, . . . . . \$45,849 64

Which amount divided by the average number of inmates, 376, gives \$121.94 yearly, or an expenditure of \$2.34 weekly. Deduct the amount paid into the treasury from the amount expended, and it gives a net cost of \$2.15 weekly.

An inventory and appraisal of the real and personal estate, Oct. 1, 1886, was made by Hon. J. E. Crane and Capt. Nahum Leonard. The appraisal was as follows:—

Live stock, . . . . .	\$4,847 50
Products of farm. . . . .	7,407 75
Carriages and agricultural implements, . . . . .	3,653 35
Machinery and mechanical fixtures, . . . . .	34,579 00
Beds and bedding in inmates' department. . . . .	6,353 57
Other furniture in inmates' department, . . . . .	3,378 09
Personal property of State in Superintendent's department, . . . . .	5,476 82
Ready-made clothing, . . . . .	7,240 36
Dry goods, . . . . .	587 89
Provisions and groceries, . . . . .	3,326 00
Drugs and medicines, . . . . .	551 80
Fuel. . . . .	882 00
Library, . . . . .	100 00

## LAND.

175 acres cultivated,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	} \$24,700 00
25 " woodland,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
6½ " cemetery,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
20 " pasture,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
4¼ " water works,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
20⅞ " new purchase,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	

## BUILDINGS.

New buildings complete,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	\$150,000 00
Asylum buildings complete,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	50,000 00
Fire pump-house,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1,500 00
Lower pump-house,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	500 00
West barn, including stock, barn and stable,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	6,000 00
East barn and piggery,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	3,500 00
Soap house, blacksmith's shop, coal shed, hen houses, lumber shed, carriage shed and pig shed,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1,500 00
Tomb in cemetery,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	100 00
Pest house,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	500 00
Farmer's house and outbuildings,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1,500 00
New carriage house,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1,000 00
New high board fences,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	3,000 00

*List of Live Stock.*

36 milch cows.	1 driving horse.
10 heifers.	49 hogs.
10 oxen.	21 shoats.
12 calves.	20 pigs.
2 bulls.	366 fowl.
1 fat heifer.	7 ducks.
2 pair work horses.	

*Products of Farm.*

150 tons hay.	50 bushels corn.
50 " corn fodder.	20 " shell beans.
200 bushels oats.	18 " string beans.
15 tons oat straw.	75 " cucumbers.
1,800 bushels beets.	55 " tomatoes.
3,200 heads cabbage.	500 heads celery.
325 bushels table beets.	1,425 dozen sweet corn.
75 " parsnips.	5 tons pumpkins.
100 " beans.	1 ton squash.
400 " turnips.	17 barrels apples.
2,300 " potatoes.	10½ bushels pears.
400 " carrots.	50 cords manure.
165 " onions.	

Miscellaneous fruits and vegetables, in their season, for both inmates' and officers' tables.



## SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS.

Of the appropriation for removing and repairing barn, and the erection of stock sheds, stable, etc., made in 1886, there was an unexpended balance of \$868.04. The expenditures under this appropriation for the present year are as follows : —

Carpenters' labor, . . . . .	\$302 25
Stone masons' labor, . . . . .	105 59
Laborers, . . . . .	21 00
Lumber, . . . . .	238 00
Roofing, . . . . .	140 00
Hydrants, . . . . .	60 29
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Total, . . . . .	\$867 13
Balance unexpended, . . . . .	91
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	\$868 04

Of the appropriation for the erection of a building for chronic insane made in 1886, there was an unexpended balance of \$33,348.92. The expenditures under this appropriation for the present year are as follows : —

Brick, lime, hair, sand and cement, . . . . .	\$3,081 73
Lumber, . . . . .	2,100 39
Wooden drawers, . . . . .	15 75
Drain and sewer pipe, . . . . .	125 53
Lead pipe and sheet lead, . . . . .	373 19
Nails, hardware and locks, . . . . .	544 90
Brickmasons' labor, . . . . .	2,557 64
Carpenters' labor, . . . . .	2,767 04
Laborers, . . . . .	1,155 95
Paints and painting, . . . . .	1,206 99
Blacksmith's supplies and labor, . . . . .	137 12
Gas piping and labor, . . . . .	267 06
Plumbers' supplies and labor, . . . . .	1,019 94
Laths and lathing, . . . . .	271 12
Roofing, . . . . .	1,240 06
Windows, doors, frames and finish, . . . . .	2,166 80
Steam heating, . . . . .	3,727 46
Registers, . . . . .	97 81
Gutters and conductors, . . . . .	662 41
Window line and weights, . . . . .	189 05
Galvanized ventilating pipes and labor, . . . . .	444 88



Iron stairs, . . . . .	\$1,027 32
Patterns and labor, . . . . .	57 42
Flooring, and laying same, . . . . .	1,440 87
Architect's services, . . . . .	500 00
Granite capping, . . . . .	172 00
Gas machine and labor, . . . . .	986 22
Wire guards and screens, . . . . .	941 21
Boiler, . . . . .	585 16
Sheathing paper, . . . . .	89 84
Marble slabs, . . . . .	14 69
Pig lead, . . . . .	57 46
Muriatic acid, . . . . .	7 62
Services of cook for mechanics, . . . . .	248 00
Iron bedsteads, . . . . .	375 00
Settees and furniture, . . . . .	901 52
Blankets and cotton, for slips and sheets, . . . . .	730 06
Bedding, . . . . .	151 75
Window shades, papering and tinting, . . . . .	177 02
Photographic views, . . . . .	6 00
Fares of mechanics, . . . . .	27 62
Freight, . . . . .	551 34
Total, . . . . .	<u>\$33,200 94</u>
Balance unexpended, . . . . .	147 98
	<u>\$33,348 92</u>

Under chapter 56, Acts and Resolves of 1887, an appropriation of \$10,400 was granted for the following purposes : —

Fences and walks, . . . . .	\$3,500 00
Laundry buildings and furnishing same, and for making additions to kitchen and dining-room, . . . . .	6,500 00
Purchase of additional land for enlargement of the lot for cemetery purposes, . . . . .	400 00

The expenditures under this appropriation are as follows : —

#### FENCES AND WALKS.

Lumber, . . . . .	\$1,893 74
Chestnut-posts, . . . . .	232 41
Carpenters' labor, . . . . .	647 88
Nails, . . . . .	20 00
Paints, oil, etc., . . . . .	104 03
Painting, . . . . .	66 00
Total, . . . . .	<u>\$2,964 06</u>
Balance unexpended, . . . . .	535 94

LAUNDRY BUILDINGS AND FURNISHING SAME, AND FOR MAKING  
ADDITIONS TO KITCHEN AND DINING-ROOMS.

Lumber, . . . . .	\$336 76
Body and arch brick, . . . . .	542 10
Face brick, . . . . .	46 80
Windows, frames and finish, . . . . .	206 20
Laths, . . . . .	27 50
Lime, hair and cement, . . . . .	158 83
Granite underpinning, . . . . .	52 00
Stone sills and steps, . . . . .	40 87
Freestone window sills, . . . . .	48 00
Flue linings, . . . . .	25 03
Drain pipe, . . . . .	10 12
Stone masons' labor, . . . . .	102 00
Brick " " . . . . .	499 97
Carpenters' " . . . . .	411 50
Laborers, . . . . .	58 69
Fares, . . . . .	11 00
Board mechanics, . . . . .	81 67
Laundry machinery, . . . . .	670 10
Engine, . . . . .	185 00
Belting, . . . . .	33 85
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Total, . . . . .	\$3,547 99
Balance unexpended, . . . . .	2,952 01

LAND.

Expended for land, . . . . .	\$400 00
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In subscribing to this report I am constrained to say that the year past has been one of apparent prosperity, and I am not unmindful that to the faithful efforts of our officers and employees and the most cordial and unanimous support of your board, the credit is largely due. Hoping for its continuance, I remain,

Respectfully yours,

H. M. BLACKSTONE,  
*Superintendent.*

*List of Persons Employed as Officers and Employees.*

NAME.	Nature of Service.	Time.	Amount.
H. M. Blackstone,	Superintendent,	1 year,	\$1,916 68
Thomas J. Cannon,	Assistant Superintendent,	"	900 00
Francis Jenkins,	Overseer Yard and Prison,	"	540 00
Benjamin F. Robinson,	Overseer Chair Shop,	"	540 00
Josiah Robinson,	Engineer,	"	600 00
George W. Bourne,	Overseer,	8 months,	280 00
Benjamin A. Atkins,	Overseer,	4 <sup>7</sup> / <sub>8</sub> "	148 17
Edgar H. Hatch,	Overseer,	1 year,	435 00
Andrew J. Ward,	Cook and Baker,	"	600 00
George E. Bacon,	Farmer,	"	770 81
Henry S. Keith,	Assistant Farmer,	"	450 00
Francis B. Crowl,	Assistant Farmer,	6 <sup>12</sup> / <sub>10</sub> months,	224 00
Louis S. White,	{ Attendant of Insane,	"	298 33
James Lyons,	{ Assistant Farmer,	"	246 66
John B. Barry,	{ Watchman,	"	286 66
Charles A. Blake,	{ Watchman,	"	400 00
Henry J. Strand,	{ Gateman,	"	345 01
Elmer A. Brown,	{ Nurse,	"	184 16
	{ Resident Physician,	"	
	{ Clerk,	"	
	Attendant of Insane,	11 <sup>24</sup> / <sub>10</sub> "	
		7 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>10</sub> "	

*List of Persons Employed as Officers and Employees — Concluded.*<sup>1</sup>

NAME.	Nature of Service.	Time.	Amount.
Louis Neal, . . . . .	Night Attendant of Insane, . .	7 <sup>9</sup> / <sub>36</sub> months, . .	\$146 00
Robert R. Carleton, . . . . .	Night Attendant of Insane, . .	2 " . . . . .	40 00
Stephen Collins, . . . . .	Night Attendant of Insane, . .	1 " . . . . .	25 00
George W. Shepardson, . . . . .	Gateman, . . . . .	3 <sup>10</sup> / <sub>36</sub> " . . . . .	66 66
Charles A. Holmes, . . . . .	Attendant of Insane, . . . . .	5 " . . . . .	137 50
Ellis L. Walker, . . . . .	Attendant of Insane, . . . . .	3 <sup>6</sup> / <sub>36</sub> " . . . . .	88 00
George W. Walker, . . . . .	Attendant of Insane, . . . . .	3 <sup>30</sup> / <sub>36</sub> " . . . . .	100 83
Samuel S. Norton, . . . . .	Attendant of Insane, . . . . .	3 <sup>30</sup> / <sub>36</sub> " . . . . .	100 83
Royal L. Davis, . . . . .	Attendant of Insane, . . . . .	3 <sup>30</sup> / <sub>36</sub> " . . . . .	91 66
Willis A. Lincoln, . . . . .	Attendant of Insane, . . . . .	1 <sup>7</sup> / <sub>36</sub> " . . . . .	30 83
Frederick M. Philbrick, . . . . .	Attendant of Insane, . . . . .	3 <sup>9</sup> / <sub>36</sub> " . . . . .	109 08
George A. Knight, . . . . .	Attendant of Insane, . . . . .	2 <sup>30</sup> / <sub>36</sub> " . . . . .	76 08
Walter E. Temple, . . . . .	Attendant of Insane, . . . . .	1 <sup>15</sup> / <sub>36</sub> " . . . . .	13 75
William F. Hysler, . . . . .	Attendant of Insane, . . . . .	1 <sup>30</sup> / <sub>36</sub> " . . . . .	13 75
Thomas M. Inman, . . . . .	Night Attendant of Insane, . .	2 <sup>30</sup> / <sub>36</sub> " . . . . .	71 50
Frederick C. Willard, . . . . .	Night Attendant of Insane, . .	2 <sup>30</sup> / <sub>36</sub> " . . . . .	53 33
Edward Sawyer, . . . . .	Visiting Physician, . . . . .	1 year, . . . . .	500 00
Calvin Pratt, . . . . .	Consulting Physician, . . . . .	1 " . . . . .	100 00
Isaac Dunham, . . . . .	Protestant Chaplain, . . . . .	4 Sundays, . . . . .	20 00
Clarence Eddy, . . . . .	Protestant Chaplain, . . . . .	{ 12 Sundays, . . . . .	62 00
B. F. Turner, . . . . .	Protestant Chaplain, . . . . .	{ 1 funeral service, . . . . .	15 00
L. T. Ward, . . . . .	Protestant Chaplain, . . . . .	3 Sundays, . . . . .	4 00
P. J. Sheedy, . . . . .	Catholic Chaplain, . . . . .	2 funeral services, . . . . .	
		{ 52 Sundays, . . . . .	340 00
		{ 40 funeral services, . . . . .	





## HOSPITAL REPORT.

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*To the Honorable Board of Trustees of the State Farm at Bridgewater, Mass.*

The Hospital Report for the fiscal year ending this thirtieth day of September, 1887, is herewith respectfully submitted.

In reviewing the work of this department since our last report, we find the same characteristics that have been noticed in years past, and probably will be noticed in years to come, by those who have in charge the physical ailments of such as, from ignorance, vice, or misfortune, for the most part, fill the charitable and reformatory institutions all over the land. Our wards show a large proportion of diseases of debility combined with such as arise from the depraved lives of the vicious in person, or of their ancestors; super-added to these is that element which has been provided for by the legislation of the past two years, resulting in the recent establishment of a department for the criminal and incurable insane, who, since the completion of the new buildings, have been transferred here to the number of one hundred and thirty or more, and for whose accommodation ample provisions have been made in the large, well-lighted and heated dormitories and in the sunny, cheerful day rooms of those buildings. In submitting this report we will not review in detail the large amount of work necessitated for the out-patients, which, while it is in the especial province of your Physician and his Assistant, and demands a large proportion of their time, is not a subject of such record as would appear here beyond calling attention to the fact that



not far from one thousand different prescriptions have been required over and above the care and time bestowed upon their surgical necessities, and as a result our wards have not been over-crowded, which in itself is a cause for congratulation both to inmates and their attendants, — twenty-five being the average number for the year. In this connection we would call your attention to the fact that a well-lighted and heated surgical ward or operating-room, opening from or near the main ward, is a most desirable addition to our present accommodations for the performance of even minor operations, and the administration of ether in a general ward is highly objectionable, both to those in charge and the surrounding patients.

## SUMMARY.

Number of admissions,	. . . . .	133
Number of deaths,	. . . . .	58
Number of discharged,	. . . . .	76
Number remaining,	. . . . .	15

Sixty-seven different diseases, with many variations in their type and severity, have come under treatment. Fifty-eight deaths, one-half of which were from lung diseases, have occurred; diseases of nerve centres and general debility have carried off fifteen more, leaving fourteen deaths attributable to all other causes.

The order and cleanliness secured has been the subject of favorable comment of such visitors as are familiar with hospital work, and must have challenged approval on your official inspection during the year, and merits from you, as it certainly receives from your visiting physician, most hearty commendation; nor would we forget the constant watchful care bestowed upon those of our inmates who, from mental incapacity or physical defect, might of themselves have been overlooked or thrust aside by more clamorous pretenders for our professional attention whose professed ills often prove of little or no merit.

For the considerate, intelligent service of the Steward and the uniform courtesy of the officers of the institution we are indebted for much of the success and personal satisfaction

attendant upon the discharge of our duties, as well as for the favorable sanitary condition obtained by this harmonious conjoined action.

In conclusion, we would not forget the courteous consideration extended to us by your honorable board and the Superintendent, nor his ready and wise support in the discharge of our official duties.

EDWARD SAWYER, M. D.,

*Attending Physician.*

BRIDGEWATER, MASS., Sept. 30, 1887.